

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A system for screening telephone calls comprising:
 - (a) an interceptor unit, the interceptor unit having an outer casing, the interceptor unit also having an input jack for receiving a first telephone line, the interceptor unit also having an output jack for connecting to a second telephone line,
 - (b) a telephone wall jack,
 - (c) a first telephone line having two ends, a first end and a second end, the first end of the first telephone line hooked up to the telephone wall jack, the second end of the first telephone line hooked up to the input jack on the interceptor unit,
 - (d) a telephone,
 - (e) a second telephone line having two ends, a first end and a second end, the first end of the second telephone line hooked up to the output jack on the interceptor unit, the second end of the second telephone line hooked up to the telephone,
 - (f) a speaker attached to the interceptor unit,
 - (g) a programmable numerical keypad attached to the top of the interceptor unit,
 - (h) power means to provide power to the interceptor unit,
 - (i) a plurality of indicator lights located on the outer casing of the interceptor unit,

(j) wherein when an individual would place an incoming phone call to a residence that would have system installed, the interceptor unit would intercept the phone call and require the individual to enter a numerical code within a specified period of time, and further wherein the interceptor unit would terminate the incoming phone call if the numerical call had not been entered within the specified period of time, and further wherein the speaker on the interceptor unit would play an eternal melody note that would indicate a welcome call if the individual entered the numerical code within the specified period of time, and further wherein the telephone call would be passed on to the telephone.

2. A system for screening telephone calls according to claim 1 wherein the plurality of indicator lights would further comprise a red light, a yellow light, and a green light.
3. A system for screening telephone calls according to claim 2 wherein the red light would indicate whether an incoming call had recently been attempted.
4. A system for screening telephone calls according to claim 2 wherein the yellow light would indicate whether the interceptor unit was on.
5. A system for screening telephone calls according to claim 2 wherein the green light would indicate whether an incoming call had been completed.
6. A system for screening telephone calls according to claim 2 wherein the power means would be standard household current.

7. A system for screening telephone calls according to claim 2 wherein the power means would be a battery incorporated within the interceptor unit.

8. A method for screening incoming telephone calls comprising the steps of:

- (a) electronically connecting a screening mechanism in between a wall jack and a telephone,
- (b) programming the screening mechanism to filter each incoming calls by requiring each incoming callers to input a numerical code within a specified time frame after the screening mechanism picks up each incoming call,
- (c) disconnecting an incoming call if the user making the incoming call does not input the required numerical code within the specified time frame, and
- (d) permitting the incoming call to be passed on to the telephone if the user making the incoming call inputs the required numerical code within the specified time frame.

9. A method for screening incoming telephone calls according to claim 8 wherein the numerical code would be a 2/3 code.

10. A method for screening incoming telephone calls according to claim 8 wherein the specified time frame would preferably be between ten to twelve seconds.